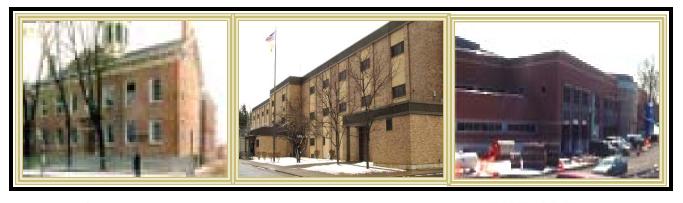




# ULSTER COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE 2004 ANNUAL REPORT



PAST PRESENT FUTURE



### **Ulster County**

### SHERIFF



Chairman Richard Gerentine Ulster County Legislature PO Box 1800 Kingston, NY 12402



Dear Chairman Gerentine:

I'm proud to present you with the Ulster County Sheriff's Office Annual Report for 2004.

Financial restraints make it difficult to continue to provide the same services to the citizens we represent. However, the following pages represent what the men and women of this office have accomplished and give readers a better understanding of our mission.

My thanks go to the uniformed members and civilian staff who have worked so hard to maintain the professionalism and respect they deserve.

Sincerely,

J. Richard Bockelmann Sheriff of Ulster County



**Undersheriff George Wood** 

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Dedicated in Memory of Deputy Joseph Salerno

### **Ulster County Sheriff's Office**

### **Mission Statement**

It is the mission of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office to serve the public by enhancing our partnership with the community, and in so doing, protect life and property, prevent crime, solve problems and foster good willthrough courtesy and professionalism.

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office shall maintain a correctional facility with the highest degree of security to ensure the safety of the citizens, staff and inmates.

### **Value Statements**

In our continuing pursuit of excellence we, the members of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office, are dedicated to, and proudly promote:

### **Dignity**

With confidence and pride in ourselves, we strive to remain compassionate, and protect the rights of all citizens equally.

### **Integrity**

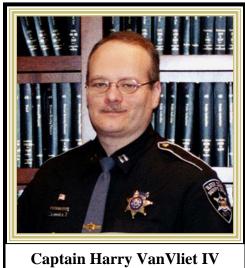
We will be responsible for our conduct, both professionally and personally. We will be fair, honest, courteous and show strength of character at all times. We hold ourselves accountable to the highest standards of ethical conduct and strive to be role models for all.

### **Professional Service**

We recognize the trust the public places in us and we accept that responsibility.

We are devoted to providing quality service and strive to remain effective, efficient and responsive to the changing needs of our community while providing a safe environment.

Sworn or civilian, full-time or part-time, we are proud to belong to this agency and to promote these values.



### Captain Harry Van Viiet IV

### Criminal Division

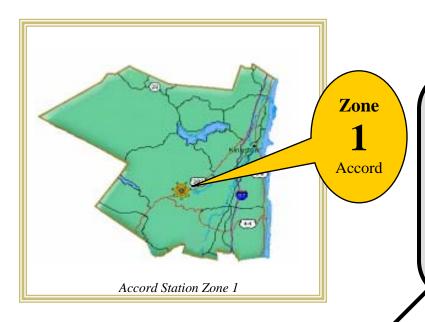
### **CRIMINAL DIVISION**

On duty twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, there is no period of time when any individual who calls the Sheriff's Office for assistance will not receive a professional law enforcement response. Criminal Division members serve all communities, it's residents and visitors within Ulster County. In addition to the reactive duties of law enforcement service, the Sheriff's Office is committed to community involved proactive programs. Both of these aspects of service, when joined, are intended to improve the quality of life in Ulster County.

The following information is intended to provide a brief overview of some of the more notable statistics and occurrences of 2004.

Calls for Service	13,828		
Major Complaints		Total Arrests	2,141
Assault	75	Narcotics	216
Burglary	101	Larceny	54
Criminal Mischief	196	DWI	281
Larceny	285	Assault	169
Domestic Disputes	651	Manslaughter	1
Medical Emergencies	751	Robbery	1
Unfounded Alarm Calls	821	Burglary	25
Vehicle Lockouts	818	Stolen Property	22
		Criminal Mischief	149
		Weapons Viol.	25
<b>Motor Vehicle Accidents</b>	<u>S_</u>	Fraud	33
Property Damage	480		
Personal Injury	195		
Fatal	6		





### **Accord Station Zone 1**

(845) 626-2233 Main Street Accord, New York

Patrolling the Towns of Wawarsing, Rochester, Marbletown, Denning, Hardenburgh

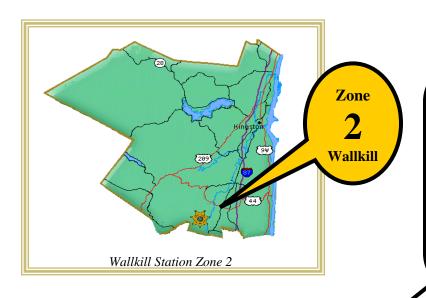
### **2004 Station Activity**

Complaints	2,362
Felony Complaints	175
Misdemeanor Complaints	413
Violations	366
DWI Complaints	0
Non-Criminal Complaints	1,678
Arrests	375
Felony Arrests	29
Misdemeanor Arrests	157
Violation Arrests	100
DWI Arrests	37
Accidents	239
Property Damage	160
Personal Injury	74
Fatal	5
Misc.	
Summonses Issued	683
Papers Served	60
Miles Patrolled	95,364

In late August a 14 year old female reported that she was sexually assaulted and forcibly raped by two adult males while at a party at a campground in Kerhonkson. An investigation led to the arrest of 2 men who were charged and indicted for Rape 1<sup>st</sup>, Criminal Sexual Act 1<sup>st</sup> and Sexual Abuse 1<sup>st</sup>. Upon learning of the investigation, one of the suspects fled the area and was arrested in Staten Island following a traffic stop.



Several male subjects forced their way into an occupied residence in the Town of Rochester. The individuals were armed with a weapon and assaulted on of the residents. An investigation was conducted and three men were arrested for Burglary 1<sup>st</sup> and Assault.



### Wallkill Station Zone 2

(845) 895-3011 Route 208 Wallkill, New York

Patrolling the Towns of Shawangunk, Gardiner, Plattekill, Marlborough, Lloyd, New Paltz

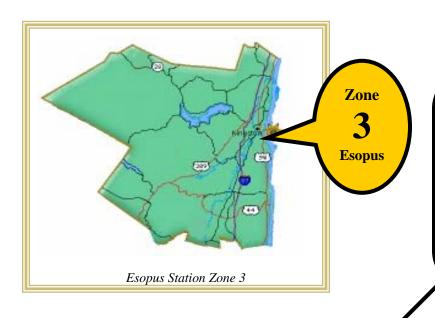
### **2004 Station Activity**

Complaints	952
Felony Complaints	24
Misdemeanor Complaints	69
Violations	98
DWI Complaints	6
Non-Criminal Complaints	755
Arrests	64
Felony Arrests	5
Misdemeanor Arrests	11
Violation Arrests	18
DWI Arrests	6
Warrant Arrests	24
Accidents	115
Property Damage	70
Personal Injury	41
Fatal	4
Misc.	
Summonses Issued	88
Papers Served	24
Miles Patrolled 5	4,129

In October, a 46 year old Staten Island man lost his life in a parachuting accident in Gardiner. He was completing his first solo jump and was being instructed from the ground by an experienced instructor via a one way radio.



A 35 year old New Jersey resident was killed after being thrown from his Suzuki RM 250 motorcycle. He was competing in a race at a Motocross Track when he failed to negotiate a series of jumps.



### **Esopus Station Zone 3**

(845) 338-3640 Salem Street Port Ewen, New York

Patrolling the Town of Esopus, Rosendale, Hurley, Kingston, Ulster, Saugerties

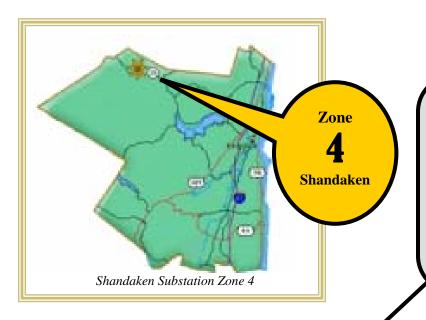
### **2004 Station Activity**

Complaints Felony Complaints Misdemeanor Complaints DWI Complaints Non-Criminal Complaints	3,120 164 507 62 2,031
Arrests Felony Arrests Misdemeanor Arrests	382 33 168
Violation Arrests  DWI Arrests	97 62
Accidents	241 180 58 3
Misc. Summonses Issued Papers Served Miles Patrolled1	104

A 16 year old male was charged with Criminally Negligent Homicide in the death of a 47 year old female. The youth was passing his friend on a double yellow line and struck the other vehicle headon in the oncoming lane.



An employee of the Stewart's Shop in Port Ewen reported she had been robbed of the night deposits at gunpoint. An investigation revealed that no robbery had occurred and the clerk made up the story to hide the fact that she had taken the money for herself.



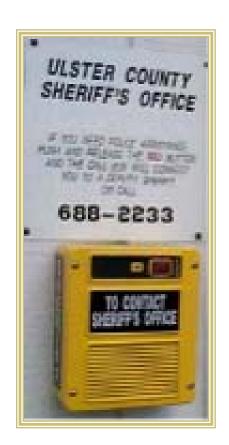
### **Shandaken Station Zone 4**

(845) 688-2233 State Route 28 Shandaken, New York

Patrolling the Towns of Shandaken, Woodstock, Olive, Denning, Hardenburgh

### **2004 Station Activity**

Complaints	<b>595</b>
Felony Complaints	26
Misdemeanor Complaints	67
DWI Complaints	0
Non-Criminal Complaints	484
Arrests	<b>70</b>
Felony Arrests	10
Misdemeanor Arrests	30
Violation Arrests	14
DWI Arrests	2
Warrants	13
Accidents	70
Property Damage	52
Personal Injury	18
Fatal	0
Misc.	
Summonses Issued	91
Papers Served	56
Miles Patrolled3	7,318



A call box (pictured above) is located at each Sheriff's Substation, and in case of an emergency, provides a direct line to Kingston Headquarters.

### **DETECTIVE UNIT STATISTICS**

Total Cases Investigated	372
Cases Closed	318
Cases Open	54
Total Arrests	133

### **Investigations**

Aggravated Harassment Assault 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 11
Assault 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1
Agg. Unlicensed Oper. 1st	1
Agg. Unlicensed Oper. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1
Burglary 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3
Burglary 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10
Conspiracy 4 <sup>th</sup>	6
CPCS 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1
CPCS 3rd	19
CPCS 4 <sup>th</sup>	8
CPCS 7 <sup>th</sup>	10
Crim. Mischief 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2
Crim. Mischief 4 <sup>th</sup>	4
Crim. Negligent Homicide	1
Crim. Poss. Bomb/Silencer	1
Crim. Poss. Hypodermic	2
Crim. Poss. Marijuana 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 3 3 2 7
Crim. Poss. Marijuana 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3
Crim. Poss. Marijuana 4 <sup>th</sup>	2
Crim. Poss. Weapon 4 <sup>th</sup>	7
Crim. Sex Act 1 <sup>st</sup>	1
Crim. Trespass 2nd	1
Crim. Trespass 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4
Endangering Welfare of Child	1
Forgery 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1
Graffiti	1
Obstructing 2nd	1



Petit Larceny	9
Rape 1 <sup>st</sup> Reckless Endangerment 1 <sup>st</sup> Reckless Endangerment 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 1 1
Sale Alcohol to Minor Sex Abuse 1 <sup>st</sup> Sexual Misconduct	1 2 1
Tampering w/Evidence	1
Unlawful Dealing Fireworks Unlawful Growing Cannabis UPM	1 1 4
Viol. Labor Law	1

### 2004 EVIDENCE REPORT

No. of items taken in	1,144
No. of items disposed	272
No. Firearms taken in	167
No. Drugs taken in	275
Total Currency taken in \$2	20,680
+ \$60 coun	terfeit

### **DETECTIVE UNIT**

Detectives and Deputies, in conjunction with Ulster County Probation, arrested a subject on a warrant for Violation of Probation after he attempted to purchase a shotgun. Arrest and search warrants were obtained for his Lake Katrine residence. While conducting the search, probation personnel discovered 2 plastic containers in the small closet in the basement. These containers held black powder and numerous other chemicals used to make explosives. The explosives were removed by the New York State Police Hazardous Device Unit, and Federal Agents from the ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) were also notified. A further search turned up a number of individual tubes containing electric detonator devises readily capable of exploding, as well as illegal fireworks.

Ulster County Sheriff's Office members conducted an extensive joint investigation with the Saugerties Village Police Department into drug sales in and around the village of Saugerties. As a result of the investigation, 18 persons were arrested and charged with 28 felonies.

### WARRANT UNIT

Active Warrants on file with the Sheriff's Office are published on the Sheriff's Internet Web page. Sheriff's Website viewed can be www.co.ulster.ny.us/sheriff. The public is encouraged to review the list, and the entire website. The Active Warrants link lists the wanted person's name, date of birth, last known address (town/city), the offense, and the date of issuance of the warrant. The presence of a person's name on the list is not considered as probable cause to detain the subject, and the public is not to act on their own concerning any listed warrants. Confirmation of the existence of a valid warrant is made to authorized individuals only.

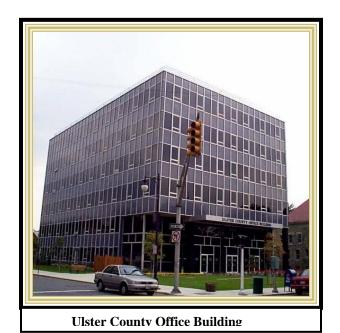


2004 Arrest Warrants Received		2004 Warrant Arrests Effected	
Arrest Warrants	129	Arrests	265
Bench Warrants	145	Recalled	84
Family Court	72		
Violation Warrants	27		
Misdemeanor Warrants	214		
Felony Warrants	33		
Probation Warrants	6		

### **SECURITY SERVICES UNIT**

The Ulster County Sheriff's Security Unit is present at several locations to ensure a safe environment for employees and visitors at county offices.

Uniformed Deputy Sheriffs and Security Officers provide security at the County Office Building, Department of Social Services, Mental Health, Probation, Veteran's Agency and Purchasing and the Trudy Resnick Building.



### **County Office Building**

Disorderly Persons	101
Suspicious Persons	5
Intoxicated Persons	2
Emotionally Dist. Persons	3
Larcenies	2
Assault Arrest	1
Security Stand-By	33
Lockouts	21
Vehicles Assistance	20

### **Social Services**

Magnascanner Count	397,037
Weapons Held for Safety	1,032
Assistance Calls	486
Medical Calls	21
Warrant Arrests	28
Other Arrests	18
Traffic Tickets	57

### **Trudy Resnick Building**

Criminal Complaints	5
Non-Criminal Complaints	21
Security Breach	5





Flatbush Avenue Building, which houses the Health Dept. Veterans' Service Agency and Purchasing

### Flatbush Avenue

### Disorderly Persons 2 Assistance Calls 71 Odor Complaint 2 AID's 5 Person Stuck in Elevator 1 Open Doors 7 Parking Complaint 1

### **Mental Health**

Code Blue Alarms	86
Escorts	939
Medical Emergencies	10
Criminal Complaints	5
Non-Criminal Complaints	42
Weapons Secured	30
Accidents	3
Lockouts	7
Other Misc.	1,785

### **Probation**

Magnascanner Count	36,213
Weapons Held	396
Assistance Calls	137
Incidents	28
Warrant Arrests	27
Other Arrests	6
Criminal Mischief	1
Accidents	1
Tickets Issued	7
Lockouts	3



**Ulster County Probation Department** 

### **ULSTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S NAVIGATION UNIT**

Maintaining an ardent law enforcement presence on the waterways of Ulster County, the Navigation Unit of the Sheriff' Office patrols 55 miles of the Hudson River from Catskill South to Newburgh. Members are kept busy with transient and recreational boating traffic borne by the numerous marinas located along the river, plus that from the two major navigable tributaries, the Rondout and the Esopus. Many waterway access areas available to the public, in addition to the municipal beaches, provide for an often crowded and active season. With an increased focus on educating the public in developing safe boating habits, unit members strive to maintain the safest Ulster County waterways possible. Expenses, in part, are offset by New York State Parks & Recreation.





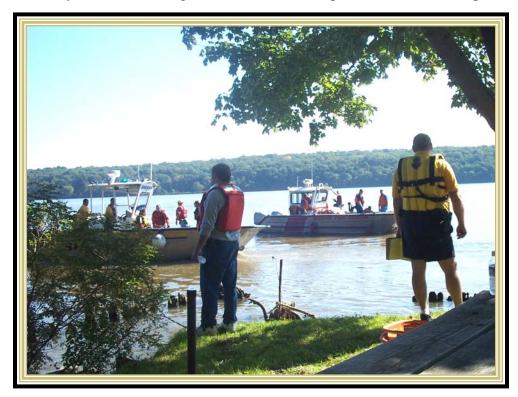
On September 1, 2004, at the request of the Coast Guard, the Navigation Unit Responded to the Catskill Creek in Greene County for a distress call. The water was extremely rough and there were high winds, creating 4 to 5 foot waves. Upon arrival, the creek was a state of emergency and debris had built up from the rough weather. There were many stranded vessels with boaters on board. Sections of dock, with boats still tied to them, had broken loose and were drifting south. Deputies encountered a large sailboat taking on water and several overturned vessels. Deputies rescued 5 people and a police boat, whose engine died while attempting the rescue. Members also boarded several boats and dropped their anchors to stop them from drifting any further.

### 2003 Activity Report Total hours of Patrol..... 620 Vessel Inspections..... 138 Complaints..... 16 Arrests/Summonses..... 28 Warnings..... 136 BWI Arrests..... 2 Search & Rescue Ops..... 4 Boaters Assisted..... 39 Special Events..... 1 **Hull ID Numbers Issued......** 5

Because several departments often work in conjunction during an emergency, they often train together, which alleviates confusion at the scene and allows for a smooth rescue.

In September, several local fire, police and rescue agencies participated in a water rescue drill on the Hudson River south of the Esopus Lighthouse. This drill was to help authorities learn how to handle a fire emergency on a large vessel traveling on the river.

The drill involved more than a dozen first responder agencies from Ulster, Dutchess and Greene counties, including several local fire departments and rescue squads, state police, sheriff's offices and the U.S. Coast Guard crew from Saugerties. The event was coordinated by the UCSO Navigation Unit and the Esopus Volunteer Fire Department.



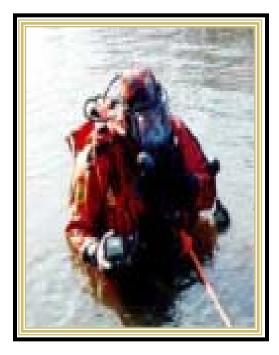




### IN-WATER SEARCH & RESCUE UNIT

With so many lakes and streams and the Hudson River, the Ulster County Sheriff's Office is prepared to respond to water emergencies. An assignment to the Ulster County Sheriff's Office In-Water Search and Rescue Unit is voluntary. While members primarily perform the duties of a uniform Deputy Sheriff or Correction Officer, all carry pagers and are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. When called upon, members trained in rapid deployment can respond to an incident, dress in all their required gear and enter the water within a window of time, which may result in a possible drowning victim being resuscitated.





Dressing in full coverage dry suits with full-face masks equipped with underwater to surface communications, unit SCUBA divers routinely enter area waters so discolored that visibility is often limited to a foot or less. The full coverage equipment is meant to serve as a level of protection against the cold and against water borne bacteria and pollutants. With little or no visibility, divers must rely on wired communication with surface personnel called tenders, for direction and assistance.

While canoeing with a friend, a 25 year old male drowned after they hit some turbulent rapids and overturned in the Wallkill River/Sturgeon Pool. After rescue personnel were unable to locate the subject, divers searched but were unable to recover the victim's body. The investigation continued for several weeks, and with the assistance of the NYSP Aviation Unit, the victim was discovered during an aerial search by helicopter.



### **SHERIFF'S K-9 UNIT**

The Patrol Division K-9 Unit consists of four teams. They were utilized 322 times in 2004, 115 of those were to assist other agencies. As an example of the team's duties, they conducted 86 vehicle searches, 27 building searches, 72 narcotic searches, 6 explosive searches, 41 tracking incidents and performed 33 demonstrations.

100% of expenses and upkeep for these K-9's are paid with drug forfeiture funds.



K-9 1

### **Deputy Tom Lattin & K-9 Regan**

Certified in Patrol/Tracking, Article Scent Detection and Narcotics Detection.



**Deputy Chad Story & K-9 Blex** 

Certified in Patrol/Tracking and Explosive Scent Detection.





### K-9 4

### **Deputy Wallace Fulford & K-9 Narco**

Certified in Patrol/Tracking and Narcotics Detection.

K-9 5

### Deputy George Carlson & K-9 Griff

Certified in Patrol/Tracking, Narcotics Detection and Cadaver Detection.





### TARGETED ENFORCEMENT DETAIL

In early July a team of Deputies began patrolling the city of Kingston and surrounding communities, carrying out targeted enforcement actions in response to complaints by residents and a call for assistance from Mayor Sottile. Patrols were assigned to work hand in hand with Kingston Police Department following two shootings in a midtown neighborhood.

During six months of operation, the teams made 604 arrests and seized over 2 pounds of marijuana, 4 ounces of cocaine and \$3,872 in cash. Charges ranged from criminal possession of controlled substances and criminal mischief to DWI, drugs, assaults, prostitution, burglary and warrant arrests.

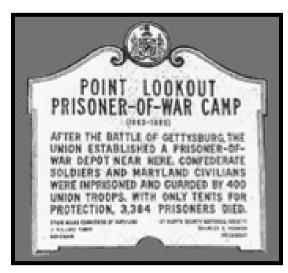
### ULSTER COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING GROUP

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office and the City of Kingston Police Department entered into an agreement with the Ulster County Community College that allows college students to attend the newly created NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Public Safety Officer curriculum. The course covers 15 weeks of the required 20-week Basic Police Academy.

The cost of the course is paid by the student and carries college credits. This agreement minimizes the cost of training to law enforcement agencies and creates revenue for the college and participating agencies. It allows law enforcement to maintain the level of training while only being responsible for the remaining mandated training.

### HISTORICAL MARKER RECOVERED

In 1963 a historical marker was erected in St. Mary's County, Maryland, to commemorate a Civil War Prisoner of War Camp, which is now Point Lookout State Park. That marker disappeared many years ago. Acting on a tip received from Maryland, the Sheriff's Office recovered this historical artifact in Kingston and returned it to Maryland to once again memorialize the Confederate soldiers and Maryland civilians that were imprisoned and died there.



### CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT TEAM

The Ulster County Sheriff's Critical Incident Stress Management Team (CISM) attended a joint training exercise with the Kingston City School District's Critical Incident Response Team. The training objective was to improve coordination between the two teams and to refresh debriefing and defusing skills of responders, as well as practice those skills during a mock debriefing.

The Sheriff's CISM Team, which was established in 1996, merged with the Ulster County Government team in January, 2001, and is now comprised of 28 members certified in Critical Incident Stress Debriefing.



### NEW YORK STATE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION SUMMER CAMP

Each year the Ulster County Sheriff's Office sends children from Ulster County, who would not ordinarily have an opportunity to attend camp, to the New York State Sheriff's Association Summer Camp in Penn Yan, New York. The camp has been in operation for 28 years and all expenses are paid for with contributions and annual membership dues. The camp has expanded and 18 children from Ulster County were able to attend in 2004, up from 12 the previous year. Campers enjoy outdoor learning activities, recreational learning experiences and team sports as a vehicle to teach comradeship and discipline. Deputy Sheriffs conduct demonstrations in boat and water safety, police dog exercises and archery. Part of the program emphasizes youth development, part is geared toward teaching the dangers of drugs and alcohol and guest lecturers provide information on how our government works and why our laws exist.

### **STOP DWI**

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office maintains an aggressive DWI enforcement campaign, and has adopted a Zero Tolerance policy when dealing with matters involving operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

In 2004 the Sheriff's Office made 146 DWI arrests and 20 DWAI/Drug arrests. Awards will be presented by the STOP DWI Office to Deputy Tom Lattin for the most DWI arrests in Ulster County, to Deputy Kevin Richards for having the second most DWI arrests and to Sgt. Tim McGuire for his commitment to the DWI Impact Panel.

### CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY PROGRAM

The goal for the year 2004 was to increase public awareness for the New York State Child Passenger Restraint Law. This was accomplished through the collaborative efforts of the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, the Mid-Hudson Traffic Safety Board and local law enforcement. A total of 500 child seats were installed and inspected and 200 child seats were given away to those who met the criteria. Parents are taught how to properly install the restraints so they can be properly reinstalled in another vehicle when necessary. These child seats were purchased with grant money.

### **COMMUNITY POLICING**

### **EXPLORER POST #129**

The Ulster County Sheriff's Explorer #129 Post is worksite based program for young men and women who have completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and are 14 to 20 years of age. **Explorer** Post #129 comprised of 9 members: young women and 6 young men, who are interested in a career in the field of law This program enforcement. educates and promotes the growth and development of the Explorer Cadets and offers a hands-on learning experience.



### ULSTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S LAW ENFORCEMENT MUSEUM

The Ulster County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Museum, formerly known as the "Jail on Wheels" was created in 1947 in New Haven Connecticut and set into 2 trailers, which were recently donated to Ulster County. These units, showing once-modern police equipment, were originally intended to remind citizens of what awaits those who take the law into their own hands. One unit is being disassembled to make a permanent museum at the Ulster County Fairgrounds. The other, after being refurbished, has traveled to numerous events and been viewed by over 12,000 people. Public response has been very enthusiastic and our intent is to educate our youths. These units were refurbished and maintained solely by donations.



### **DARE**

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program continues to educate young people to prevent or reduce substance abuse and violence. In 2004, four Deputies taught 46 classes, reaching 875 students. Deputies not only prepare instructions and conduct lessons, they also meet with principals, parents and students and conduct the graduation program.



### SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

A Deputy is assigned to BOCES (Board Of Cooperative Educational Services of Ulster County) to provide the school with a law enforcement presence. This officer is important to the safe and orderly environment of the school, and his salary is paid with grant money. The Deputy also taught the DARE middle school curriculum to 945 students. He also offers the students counseling, intervention and crisis management.



**Chief Civil Officer Don Ryan** 

### Civil Division

### **CIVIL DIVISION**

The Sheriff serves as the enforcement Officer of the courts and legal community regarding civil matters. The Civil Division is a state mandated service of the Sheriff's Office. Its purpose and function is to serve and execute various legal process issued by all state courts and their subdivisions, as well as for the legal community and general public.

Civil Papers Docketed		
Total Summons, complaints, orders, evictions	2020	
- Execution Process: Income – New Docket	717	
- 2 <sup>nd</sup> stage process	467	
- Property – Service/Levy	223	
- Vehicle Levy	9	
- Real Property Sale	4	
- Deed Signing	6	
- Order of Seizure	2	
- Commitment Order / Civil Arrest	2	

The Civil Division, upon court order, is responsible for executing warrants of eviction. During 2004, they conducted 305 evictions. The Deputies effect the removal of all persons from the premises. They also supervise the removal of personal property.



2004 Pistol License Statistics	
New Licenses Issues 318	
Dealer/Gunsmith Licenses Issued 36	
Duplicate Licenses Issued 748	
Amendments Processed 2,210	
New Applications Filed 367	
Applications Pending 122	
People Fingerprinted 763	
QICS 1,431	
Fees Collected \$13,117	
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**Superintendent Brad Ebel** 

## Corrections Division

### THE JAIL FACILITY

The Ulster County Jail is of linear design constructed in 1970 to house 154 inmates. The design capacity proved sufficient until 1986 when inmate populations throughout the state of New York and Ulster County began to reach record levels. Since that time the facility has undergone several renovations to increase the inmate capacity of the jail. As a result of those renovations and variances granted by the New York State Commission of Corrections (NYSCOC) the maximum facility capacity (MFC) increased to 185. In 1998, overcrowding continued at the Ulster County Jail and the County of Ulster leased a sixty-bed unit to alleviate overcrowding. This lease increased the usable inmate bed space to 281. In 2003, the Ulster County Sheriff's Office contracted Correctional Medical Care Incorporated (CMC Inc.) as the vendor to provide 24 hour medical care to the inmate population 7 days a week. In order to enhance medical and mental health services for the inmate population, additional space was provided to store inmate medical and mental health records. The creation of this additional storage space was accomplished by converting a four bed housing area. The conversion reduced the MFC to 181. The combination of permanent housing and the variances granted by NYSCOC, equates to 277 usable inmate beds.

### **DAILY POPULATION**

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office continues to deal with inmate overcrowding at the Ulster County Jail. This year, the growing excess jail population created additional work for the correctional staff. The Community Corrections Program (CCP), Ulster County Public Defenders Office, and alternative sentencing programs collectively work at maintaining the inmate population at a manageable level. These programs have been in place for 20 years.

The 2004 high count of 309 occurred repeatedly on July 29<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, October 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, and November 11<sup>th</sup>, and the low count of 226 occurred on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The overall daily population averaged 279 in 2004. Once more, the female population remained high, averaging 31 per day. This figure was well above the rated capacity of 22 females' inmates.

With daily counts remaining well above 250, it again became necessary to request extensions for the existing variances in order to house inmates in the facility's male rec. room, female rec. room, and the dormitory. Even with the variances, the over crowding conditions continued, causing inmates to be boarded out as in the past, particularly females.

The cost factor for boarding out inmates to other County Jails for the calendar year 2004 totaled 13,964 days, costing the county between \$75 and \$125 per day, per inmate. The total unanticipated expenditures were approximately \$1,316,795, an increase of 51%. This figure does not include salaries for transporting officers, gas, tolls, vehicle depreciation, and inmate clothing.

### **REVENUES**

Billing to New York State for reimbursement for the housing of state prisoners, parole violators and Coram Nobis prisoners totaled approximately \$240,924 for FY'04. This is a 3% increase from the previous year and is directly attributed to state ready inmates and parole violators being returned to prison at a quicker than usual. Reimbursement from DOCS for travel totaled \$8,587.43. Actual Reimbursement to Ulster County's General Fund by New York State in 2004 is unknown at this time, but historically is delayed many months after billings are submitted.

Since August, 1999, the Incentive Payment Agreement has existed between Social Security Administration and Ulster County Sheriff's Office. We provide information to Social Security that allows them to suspend benefit payments to people incarcerated at the Ulster County Jail. Payment is determined by Social Security receiving a report of incarcerated individuals receiving benefits. If said report is made within 30 days after the date the individual's confinement begins, payment is \$400.00. It is a \$200.00 payment if the report is received after 30 days but within 90 days of confinement. For the FY '04 the UC Treasurer's Office General Fund received \$15,800 from the Social Security Incentive Program. This is a 29% increase from 2003.

### INMATE HEARINGS

Even with the more violent type of offenders incarcerated, the number of infractions decreased, which is attributed to active intervention by our Correction Officers. During the calendar year 2004, the disciplinary hearing panel reviewed 1,709 inmate infractions. This represents a 12% decrease from the previous year. In July of 1999, NYS Minimum Standard Section 7006 was amended to allow the county to attach a surcharge on any inmate that has a disciplinary hearing. A total of \$1,596 in surcharges from inmates was received during 2004.

Hearings were ranked and placed in the following categories:

CATEGORY	2002	2003	2004
Failure to comply	559	459	362
Assaults on other inmates	274	140	143
Assaults on staff	9	13	5
Contraband	123	66	101
Smoking	44	20	23
<b>Destruction of property</b>	70	24	16
Disorderly conduct	403	333	271
Abusive language or threats	330	242	249
Miscellaneous	569	566	461
Throwing Liquids	112	73	78
Totals	2,493	1,936	1,709

### **MEDICAL ACCREDITATION**

The National Commission of Correction Health Care Standards attained accreditation in 2004 in the Ulster County Jail's medical department. Correction staff worked closely with Correction Medical Care (CMC) to maintain this accreditation for the 14<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

### N.Y.S. COMMISSION OF CORRECTION

The N.Y.S Commission of Correction conducted periodic inspections during 2004 as well as a cycle 3 review from March 31<sup>st</sup> through April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Commission Staff also attended several meeting with the transition team and the architects reviewing documents and giving valuable input in the planning of the New Ulster County Law Enforcement Center. Commission of Corrections Chairman Alan J. Croce and his staff continue to commend the personnel at our facility for outstanding performance.

The facility met all of the requirements to maintain the accreditation by the N.Y.S. Sheriff's Association.

### **VARIANCES**

The following is a breakdown of facility housing. This includes the Maximum Facility Capacity (MFC), variance capacity, and a combination of both. Also included are variance locations and expiration dates.

### **FACILITY HOUSING BREAKDOWN:**

156 REGULAR HOUSING 25 NEW DORMITORIES

181 PERMANENT HOUSING \*MFC

60 MALE (MODULAR UNIT) \*TEMPORARY HOUSING

19 MALE (REC/ROOM) #92-V-31 EXPIRES 03/15/2005 10 FEMALES (REC/ROOM) #94-V-18 EXPIRES 03/15/2005

\* 7 DORMITORY #95-V-03 EXPIRES 03/15/2005

96 TEMPORARY HOUSING

### 277 TOTAL BEDS AVAILABLE

Even though the total bed capacity including the variances is 277, 96 beds above our permanent housing limit, they can only be filled under optimum conditions. Classification by security level, sex, age, and the total number of inmates incarcerated determine how many beds can be filled before boarding out begins. Under occupancy of the new facility, variances will be reviewed bi-annually.

### **RECEPTION, BOOKING, CLASSIFICATION**

Ulster County Jail's Booking/Classification Unit conducted 2,398 initial classification screenings. 1,068 reclassification updates were also processed during 2004. Classification reviews assist us in our efforts to use all available housing areas in the facility.



### **BAILS AND FINES**

The Correction Division processed 716 Bail posting and 9 fines. Total monies that were received by the facility were \$ 1,307,252.00 in bails and \$ 7,409.42 in fines. The individuals that are incarcerated continue to represent a population with major substance abuse, communicable diseases and violent criminal histories. This type of population spends more sentenced time in jail and requires more direct supervision by officers. Many of the inmates represented by this type of population are recidivists.

### **JAIL RECORDS**

Classification

A total of 2,398 inmates were processed through the system in 2004, reflecting a 2% decrease from the previous year, however our daily average population continues to grow. The break down is as follows:

Male	Female	Total
1,482	304	1,786
438	80	518
88	6	94
2,008	390	2,398
	1,482 438 88	1,482 304 438 80 88 6

### **VICTIM NOTIFICATION (VINE)**

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office continues to participate in a statewide victim notification program. Through this system victims can get information on an offender incarcerated in any New York jail or prison, as well as register for automatic notification when an offender's custody status changes (such as release, transfer or escape) by calling toll free at 1-800-VINE-4NY. In 2004, the Ulster County Jail made 395 notifications to victims.

### **COMPUTERIZATION UPDATE**

The Correction Division changed jail management systems from the New York State Jail Management System (JMS) to New World Systems (NWS) in July, 2004. Once on line, NWS will provide tailored reports for the Commission of Correction and in house statistics. Additionally it will enable other police agencies to interface with our inmate and arrest records.



In 2004, 3,588 inquiries were made such as file 15's, criminal histories, daily population for state counts, parole, state ready and miscellaneous messages. We currently have 18 officers NYSPIN certified for basic operation; of those 14 are CCH certified, 3 DAT certified and 4 NYSPIN agency instructors.

### TRANSPORT STATISTICS

Transport activity remained steady in all categories last year. In 2004, staff spent more time in local courts than in the previous year. Transport categories tracked during 2004 showed the following:

	2002	2003	2004
CATEGORY			
Number of Officer Hours	15,902	19,040	19,253
Number of Officers Utilized	4,941	5,438	5,744
Number of Inmates Transported	7,212	7,506	7,941
Total Miles	181,506	217,907	231,613
Local Courts Transports	1,885	2,033	1,659
State Transports	49	56	112
Medical Transports	259	460	275
Psych. Transports	8	15	13
Work Detail	337	318	312
Other	764	720	1,004
Board-outs			413
Total Trips	3,302	3,602	3,788

<sup>\*</sup>Includes trips to H/Q, warehouse and correction assistant errands.

### **FOOD SERVICE**

Food services for the Ulster County Jail and the Community Corrections Program are provided by Aramark Correctional Services. Ulster County maintains 2 full time cooks while Aramark employs a Food Service Manager and several other kitchen workers. The facility cooks prepared and served 345,323 meals in 2004 to inmates, C.C.P. clients, and Corrections staff.

### **COMMISSARY**

The Ulster County Jail Commissary operated for all of 2004 under Aramark Commissary Services. Aramark conducts and generates a weekly product usage report to maintain the necessary inventory. Profits generated from the sale of Commissary goods underwrite the cost of Law Library typewriters, recreation equipment, television sets, video rentals and cablevision. There continues to be no financial impact to Ulster County for any of the above items purchased for inmate use in accordance with New York State minimum standards. This year gross proceeds from the inmate commissary were \$43,113.46, an increase of 8% from last year.

### **INMATE TELEPHONES**

All inmate calls originating from the facility are made collect. The Department received \$135,353 in commissions generated from all telephone calls made by the inmate population under the current contract. These monies were spent on supplementing equipment, vehicles, and training.

### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Correctional Medical Care Inc. (C.M.C.) contractually provides forensic services to the Ulster County Jail. Under the contract with CMC, the Psychiatrist provides 16 hours of service per week. In addition, the psychiatrist is part of a group of doctors that are on call 24 hours a day. This is an invaluable tool to the correction facility as inmates can be in crisis at anytime. C.M.C. also provides a forensic manager 40 hours per week. New in 2004, a psychiatric nurse practitioner was added 8 hours per week to help handle the inmate population. The Psychiatric unit had 2,549 inmate visits in 2004.

We continue to have constant supervisions which are monitored closely tying up valuable staff hours as well as housing space. The number of constant watch initiated by C.M.C. decreased to 103 in 2004. With the additional mental health staff dedicated to the jail facility, the number of days of constant supervision decreased to 263.

### **INMATE WORK DETAIL**

The Ulster County Jail Inmate Work Detail completed its third year of service to the taxpayers of Ulster County. Since then, the Inmate work detail has provided 8,505 hours of free labor to area non-profit organizations. Sheriff Bockelmann started the Inmate Work detail, as a way for minimum-security inmates to give something back to the Community. The program's outstanding success has resulted in continuous requests from the Community for work that is now being scheduled into 2005.





The inmates are just as receptive to the program as the Community organizations that have utilized the program. Most of the inmates find it rewarding just to get out of the confines of the jail and do something constructive with their time. Because of the efforts and quality of the work performed, several of the participants were offered jobs upon the completion of their sentence.

### SECURITY RISK GROUP-GANG UNIT

In the year 2004, the Ulster County Sheriff's Office Gang Intelligence Unit was able to establish a means of operation that has enabled us to provide valuable assistance to the law enforcement community.

The unit has become involved in disseminating information on officer safety and criminal activity to the local law enforcement community. Over the past several months, we have worked closely with the Ulster County Sheriff's Office Detective and Narcotics Units. Through this partnership, we have been able to provide exceptional information culminating in several arrests. Through our continued use of confidential informants inside the jail and in partnership with the Detective Unit, we will continue to produce suspect and gang participation lists for enforcement personnel to utilize in the field.

At this time, we continue to identify and categorize each inmate that enters the jail. We assess these individuals based on: self-admission, tattoos, clothing colors, hand signs and graffiti found inside the jail. In the year 2004, Officers Robert Leonardo, Norman James, Gene Stoutenburg and Corporal Joseph Decker have identified a large number of gang members, and were able to categorize them into their appropriate sets (gang family).

The following is a list of the identified gang members for the year 2004:



**Bloods:** 83 Crips: 41 Latin Kings: 2 Netas: 6 Westies: 0 La Raza: 1 1 BBK: **MS13:** 4 Inter Crime: 1 Bushwick Boys: 1 White Supremist: 1 **TOTAL:** 146



There were no confirmed gang related assaults in 2004.

As seen in the numbers listed, a total of 146 gang members passed through the Ulster County Jail in the year 2004. All of these gang members have been positively identified by Members of the Gang Intelligence Unit and have had all of their personal information and gang affiliations documented and stored for further use.



### **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

Educational services are provided by Kingston City School District. They offer several areas of study including adult and teen G.E.D. preparation studies, remedial studies, life skills, post G.E.D. review and actions for personal choice. They administer the G.E.D. test on a regular basis.

G.E.D. statistics for 2004. (Class time is based on 6 hours per day, 215 days per year.)

### I.Y.P. (minors under the age of 21)

### <u>ADULTS</u>

467 admissions93 enrolled in class28 took the test21 passed the test

142 enrolled in class40 took the test28 passed the test

In addition, Ulster Literacy volunteers conduct classes several times per week to assist the population with basic reading and writing skills.

### **CORRECTIONS K-9**

K-9 teams continue to be a valuable asset to the operation of the Ulster County Jail.

In 2004, the K-9 team was able to attain our goal of implementing a second K-9 team. This aided in our continued efforts in detecting and preventing contraband from entering the facility. The new addition to the team is K-9 "Brok" and his handler Dwain Caunitz. "Brok" is an English Labrador Retriever. He was born in Czechoslovakia in May, 2002. Officer Caunitz is a 15 year veteran of the Sheriff's Office. The new K-9 team successfully completed courses and received certifications in; "Police Narcotic Dog" and "Advanced Narcotic Detection".



K-9 handler Saverio Fisco and his K-9 "Buddy" continue to serve as a unit since 1996. "Buddy" is an English Labrador born in England in January, 1995. His handler is a 26 year veteran of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office. The team has successfully completed numerous courses and received many certifications in Narcotics Detection and Tracking.

Handler Fisco and "Buddy" have participated in many community activities and presentations, including the Boy and Girl Scouts, the American Legion, school presentations on drug prevention and parades. Officer Fisco volunteers many hours to visit seniors with Buddy. The team was also



recognized by receiving the "Pride of the County" award, from the Ulster County Legislature.

With two teams, we have been able to be more flexible in providing K-9 coverage during the peak hours throughout the week. Both teams participate in assisting staff with searches in and around the facility. Many of these searches have resulted in arrests for narcotic related offenses.

### ULSTER COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY

During the last year, construction continued on the new UCLEC. As 2004 ended, the status of the project was listed as 82.5% completed. According to the project's construction manager, Bovis Lend Lease, project completion is scheduled for late 2005. The outside shell of the building has been completely enclosed and the interior has had a lot of work performed. This work in the administration section has defined most of the offices and workspace that will be the future home of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office. The lower basement area of the facility, which includes the vehicle sally-port, intake, inmate workers dormitory, central utilities, kitchen, maintenance, commissary, loading dock area and warehouse, is mostly intact and starting to receive finishing touches.



The Transition Team has been working towards preparing for the actual transition and taking ownership of the new facility. The transition team is supporting and participating in the training directly related to running a direct supervision facility. Increased effort has shifted towards rewriting the policy and procedures and developing a moving plan. The NYS Commission of Corrections is still monitoring the project and will have to approve all of the plans associated with the actual move.



Being on site makes the transition team available for the weekly progress meetings with the construction manager and contractors. We also participate in the monthly Owner Architect Construction Manager (OACM) and Legislature Jail Oversight Committee meetings where the architect and the construction manager brief county officials and the public.





### ANNUAL DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Annually the Sheriff recognizes members of the Criminal, Civil and Corrections Divisions for outstanding service and achievements accomplished during the previous year. The 2004 awards dinner was held on Thursday, April 15, 2004. The following awards were presented.

### **Meritorious Service**

Det. Sgt. Edwin Brewster C.O. Tyrone Brodhead Dep. Jason Bruck Cpl. Ronald Cantwell C.O. Jonathan Decker Sgt. Michael Knox Det. Drue Lynch Dep. Stuart McKenzie Det. Debra Montgomery C.O. Thomas Nollner

### **Honorable Service**

Dep. Darren Bondar
Cpl. Edward DeCicco
C.O. Jonathan Decker
Cpl. Joseph Decker
C.O. George Hill
C.O. Robert Johnson
C.O. Frederick Klun III
Cpl. Tracy McCoy-Thomason
C.O. Linda Sloane
Sgt. Kerry Winters

### **Exceptional Duty**

Maj. Ray Acevedo Lt. Ernest Taylor Cpl. Eddie Torres

### Letters of Recognition

Det. Michael Andrews Det. Sgt. Edwin Brewster C.O. Paul Juliano Cpl. Ross Rogers C.O. Craig Williams

### **Excellent Duty**

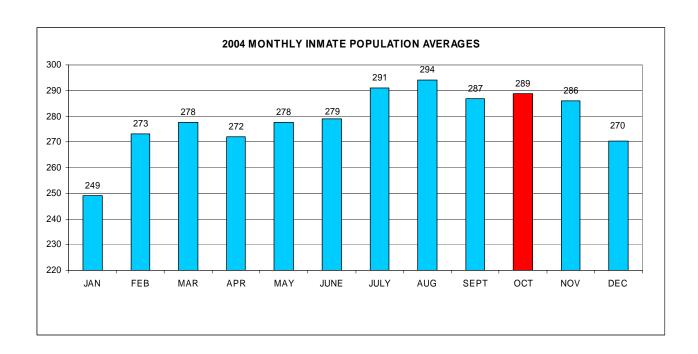
C.O. Michael Arcadipane Dep. Glenn Buchinger Dep. Dirk Budd Dep. Thomas Lattin C.O. Thomas Nollner Dep. Stuart McKenzie C.O. Lisa Penning C.O. Christopher Turzik

### Lifesaving

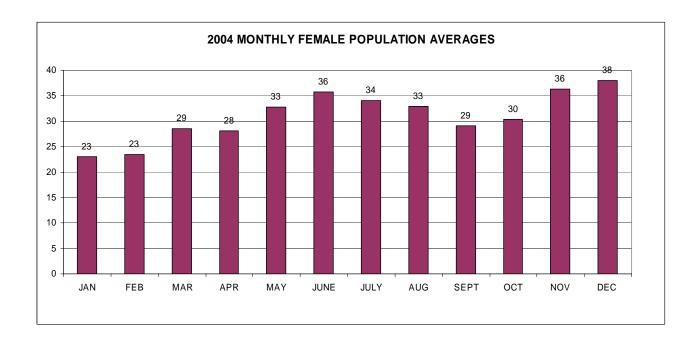
Cpl. Ronald Cantwell
C.O. Douglas Freeman
C.O. Michael Harris
C.O. Bradley Higgins
Dep. David Hughes
Dep. Donald Hughes
C.O. Joseph Martini
C.O. Wayne McDonald
Sgt. Michael McGirr
C.O. Nicole Perry
Sgt. Charles Polacco III
Cpl. Kathleen Polagye
C.O. Christopher Rider
Cpl. Ross Rogers
Dep. Sean Ryan

### **In-Water Rescue Team**

Dep. Darren Bondar
Dep. George Goodwin
Dep. Donald Hughes
Dep. Abram Markiewicz
Sgt. Timothy McGuire
Sgt. Thomas O'Connell
Dep. Michael Rell
Dep. Lyle Roebuck
Dep. Joseph Steyer
Dep. James Tiano
Sgt. Kerry Winters
Walter "Butch" Hendricks
Dep. J. Delvechio – Greene Cty. S.O.



• Design Capacity of the Golden Hill Facility is 181 (both males and females)



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